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## News

### President and Trustees Provide Budget Testimony



*Pictured (L to R): Student Trustee Yolanda Pitts, GSU President Elaine P. Maimon, Board of Trustees Vice Chair Lorraine Tyson, and Vice President for Administration and Finance Kim Thomas*

On Thursday, March 30, GSU President Elaine P. Maimon, Board of Trustees Vice Chair Lorraine Tyson, Student Trustee Yolanda Pitts, and Vice President for Administration and Finance Kim Thomas appeared before the Illinois Senate Appropriations II and the House Appropriations - Higher Education Committees to give GSU's budget testimony for FY2018. Trustee Pitts made a point of telling committee members that "GSU invests in the future of Illinois," reporting that "98 percent of GSU graduates live and pay taxes in Illinois after graduation." She concluded her remarks by asking the state to "continue to invest in Governors State University so that future students can benefit from the high quality of a GSU education."

"We welcome every chance to tell the successful stories of our graduates," stated GSU President Maimon. "I appreciate Trustee Tyson and Trustee Pitts taking the time to travel to Springfield to advocate for GSU students and higher education in the state."

## Is There a Scholarship in Your Future?



Don't miss an opportunity to apply for scholarships that can help you pay for your education. The list of GSU Foundation Fall Scholarships has been posted, with more than \$150,000 in funding available to qualified GSU students. Application criteria vary by scholarship, so check out the list to discover which scholarships you may be eligible for. Click [here](#) for more information.

Deadline to apply is **Friday, April 14.**

### **GSU Food Service Survey**



Arena Food Service, Inc. is seeking your opinion and feedback about the food service and vending program at GSU in a survey

No identifiable information will be collected in, or when taking the survey. The survey's goal is to help improve the services and offerings provided by Arena Food Service, Inc.

Click [here](#) to take the survey. The survey will be available from **March 27 – April 11.**

### **Student Portal Enhancements**

In an ongoing effort to make the myGSU Student Portal easier to navigate, the WREST Portal Team has met with various student groups for guidance. After months of meetings, the enhancements will be active on Thursday, **April 6.**

The addition of Quick Link buttons, a My Account section, updated Campus Links, and a social media section are some of the new items.

For more information, contact the Portal Team at [portalredesign@govst.edu](mailto:portalredesign@govst.edu)

### **Eric Nicholson to Perform at Barnes and Noble Book Fair for Friends of the GSU Library**



The GSU library's own Eric Nicholson, along with his brother Mark and sister-in-law Susan, will be performing for the book fair on **Saturday, April 8** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Orland Park Barnes and Noble. Eric takes inspiration from history, literature, plate tectonics, and the global theory of geophysics for his original folk guitar music. He has recently performed at the Jerry Garcia Foundation and Why Hunger in San Francisco.

## BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS

A percentage of anything purchased on April 8 at the Orland Park Barnes and Noble, with the exception of gift cards and e-books, will be donated to the Friends. Since this is a fundraiser, everyone is encouraged to participate. Proceeds will benefit the library, so mention GSU at the register. You can also shop at nationwide Barnes and Noble locations or at [BN.com](http://BN.com) from **April 8 – 13** – use voucher 12114591 at checkout.

Email [the GSU Library](mailto:the GSU Library) for more information.

### **Be well in Spring with Student Health 101!**

[Student Health 101](#), a website sponsored by Student Life, provides you with resources on physical and mental health, relationships, study skills, fitness, nutrition, and more! Check out [Student Health 101](#) in April to learn about 5 ways to make a phone-free moment, why travel is good for your health, and the art of failure: how to feel the benefits.

To visit Student Health 101, click [here](#).

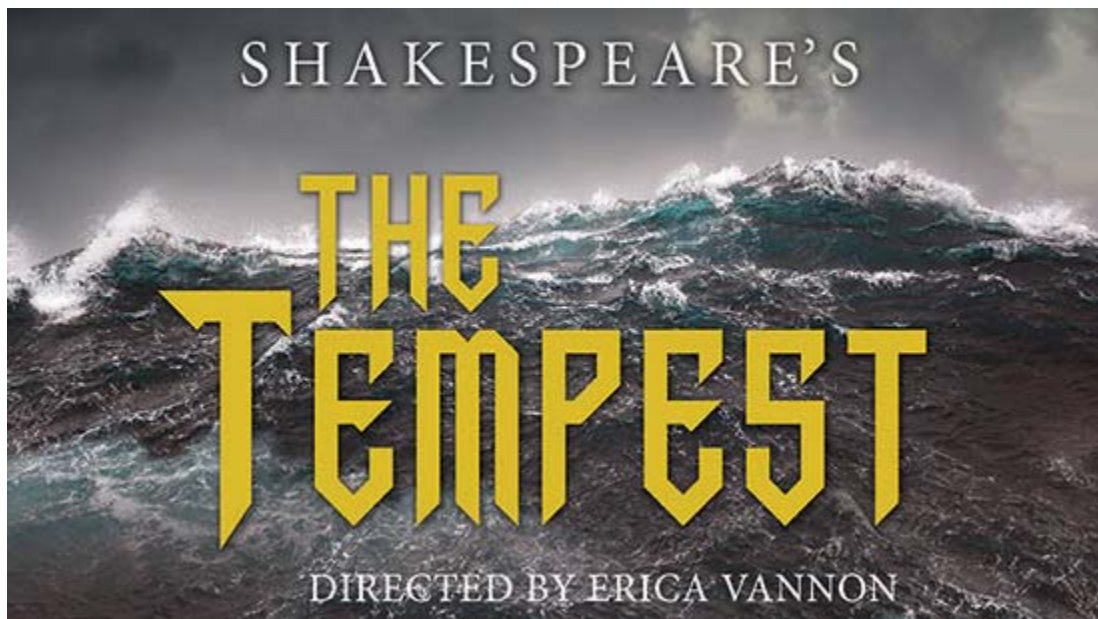
### Announcements and Events

#### **Center for the Junior Years Now Hiring**

The Center for the Junior Year is hiring Peer Success Coaches for next year. Success coaches will be required to work 15 hours per week during the semester and will play a central role in developing a new program for student success. For more information, contact [Ned Laff](#).

#### **Sculpture Park is the Stage for Shakespeare's "The Tempest"**





Instead of taking to the conventional stage, the GSU Theatre and Performance Studies students will present "The Tempest" in the renowned Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Performances are scheduled on **Thursday, April 6** at 6 p.m., **Saturday, April 8** at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and **Sunday, April 9** at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Moving the tale of magic, love, and revenge to the outdoors is the perfect place to explore the play's complexities. According to visiting Director Erica Vannon, "When I laid eyes on the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park here at Governors State University, I knew I had to direct 'The Tempest.' What better way to experience the magic of the island than to stumble through the park with the shipwrecked characters themselves?"

Tickets are \$15 / \$10 for students with valid I.D. at the Box Office. For tickets, information and the complete cast list, please click [here](#) or call 708.235.2222.

**Happy Birthday, Billie! A Celebration of a Jazz Legend in The Park**



In a day full of activities on **Friday, April 7** from 10:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Director Geoff Bates takes a new look at the celebrated sculpture "Yes for Lady Day!" by Mark DiSuvero through the eyes of another Lady Day, Billie Holiday, on what would be her 102nd birthday.

This day of free events is part of the Chicago Southland's "Let Them Eat Jazz Festival," a multi-month celebration of jazz commemorating the centennial birthday of many jazz icons. S.A.M.B.A. is a newly formed arts and business collaboration, designed to showcase the power of the arts to drive people to the Southland region.



For more information and a schedule of the event's activities, click [here](#). The celebration is free and open to the public. To RSVP, call 708.534.3085.

### **Gathering for Peace**

In recognition of the recent violence that has ravaged our communities, locally, nationally, and globally, the GSU community is planning a campuswide Interfaith Prayer Service for Non-Violence on **Tuesday, April 11** at 3:30 p.m. in the new Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Room located in A1115.

Following an array of faith-traditional prayers for peace, there will be a dedication and reception for the new space. For more information, email [diversity@govst.edu](mailto:diversity@govst.edu) or call 708.534.4551.

### **Multicultural Fashion Show**



The Office of International Services, in collaboration with the student club, International Cultural Organization (ICO), is hosting the annual Multicultural Fashion Show on **Monday, April 10** in the CPA Lobby from 2 – 4 p.m.

There will be models in attire from around the world as well as cultural dances and songs. This is a great way to highlight the multiple cultures that GSU represents. Please join us in celebrating the many colors of GSU. Refreshments will be served following the show. For more information or to participate, contact [ois@govst.edu](mailto:ois@govst.edu).

### **"The Four Hijabs" Screening and Discussion**



*Jamil Khoury and Dr. Manal Hamzeh*

Jamil Khoury, Founding Artistic Director from Silk Road Rising, will be on campus for the screening and discussion of "The Four Hijabs" on **Tuesday, April 11** from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Manal Hamzeh, Professor of Women's Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies at New Mexico State University and author of the book "Pedagogies of Deveiling: Muslim Girls and the Hijab Discourse," will join us via Skype for the presentation. "The Four Hijabs" was inspired by Hamzeh's book.

This event is open to the entire GSU community. For more information on the short film, please visit [www.fourhijabs.org](http://www.fourhijabs.org).

### **Take Me Out to the Ballgame Silent Auction**





It's time to step up to the plate and place your bid for a fantastic collection of baseball cards. In celebration of opening day, a silent auction of baseball cards and memorabilia is being sponsored by the GSU Friends of the Library.

The cards of Ozzie Guillen, Frank Thomas, Bo Jackson, Mark Buehrle, Jack McDowell, and Carlton Fisk are teamed up for the White Sox, And the cards of Sammy Sosa, Greg Maddux, Kerry Ward, Andre Dawson, and Mark Grace are on hand for the Cubs. Bidding for both teams of cards begins at \$12. Also open for bid is an official Chicago Cubs car window cleaner/scraper. Bidding for this item begins at \$10.

This auction closes on **Friday, April 14** at 5 p.m. Place your bid for the item of your choice on the special bidding sheets that are located in the library on the table next to the display cabinet. The highest bidder for each item will be contacted after the bidding closes.

For more information, email [GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu](mailto:GSULibraryinfo@govst.edu).

### **Find a Job – Career and Internship Fair**

The Office of Career Services will be hosting the annual 2017 Spring Career and Internship fair on **Thursday, April 13**, from 2 – 5 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts theatre lobbies and the Hall of Governors. This is your chance to meet with employers focusing in the areas of communications, technology, business, public administration, criminal justice, addictions studies, community health, and education. All students, alumni, and community members can attend for free.

For more information, contact the office of Career Services at 708.235.3974 or [click here](#) to see the latest list of registered employers.

### **Symposium on Mindfulness and Contemplative Practices**

GSU is hosting the fourth annual Symposium on Mindfulness and Contemplative Practices in Higher Education on **Friday, April 21** from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the GSU gymnasium. The daylong symposium will explore ways in which mindfulness, meditation, and contemplative practices can be incorporated into academic settings to create learning communities. The event includes presentations, panel discussions, and experiential learning.

This symposium is free and open to the public. Six CEUs are available. Register [here](#) or contact [Dr. Maristela Zell](#) for more information.

### **CPA/Emerald City Theatre Summer Camp – School of Rock**





It's time for students (ages 6 to 14) to believe that they have what it takes to make it in the world of rock. Campers attending this Emerald City Theatre Summer Camp at the Center for Performing Arts will perform a final show that is guaranteed to leave the audience shouting for an encore.

Camp dates are **June 19 – 23**, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with a performance on **Friday, June 23** at 7 p.m. (Tickets are only \$10 each). Campers must be 6 – 14 years old and will be separated into break-out groups by age. Camp registration fee is only \$250 and includes an Emerald City Theatre Camp T-shirt and Friday hot dog lunch. Call the CPA box office for reservations at 708.235.2222. Space is limited to 60 campers.

## Highlights

### GSU Registrar Gets Published

Earlier this year, the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) published a new resource, "AACRAO's Guide to Graduation Ceremonies." The book was written by registrar professionals and features a chapter on Graduate Ceremonies submitted by GSU's Registrar Christopher Huang. For more information about the guidebook, click [here](#).

## Workshops & Trainings

A complete list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff can be found [here](#). Check out the Thought Leadership Workshop Series or workshops from Career Services.

**Faculty:** If you have not already done so, it's time to have a new headshot photograph taken. Please refer to the [schedule](#) to find a convenient time.

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